

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be applied to Mary Blaschke; and,

*Whereas*, Mary has worked with the faculty and staff at The University of South Dakota Department of Nursing for 10 years and The University of South Dakota for 31 years; and,

*Whereas*, Mary has been described by many as the "glue" that holds together the Vermillion campus of the Department of Nursing. She is also known as the "go to" person for any department in which she was employed, including the Center of Instructional Design and Development, as well as the Department of Nursing; and,

*Whereas*, Mary is well known for her involvement with The University of South Dakota Career Service Committee and her work within the community of Vermillion. She has been described by student nurses as someone who "goes above and beyond" her role with students and faculty; and,

*Whereas*, Mary has dedicated her life to the betterment of her community, the caring and sharing with family and friends, and the day-to-day giving and loving which makes South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

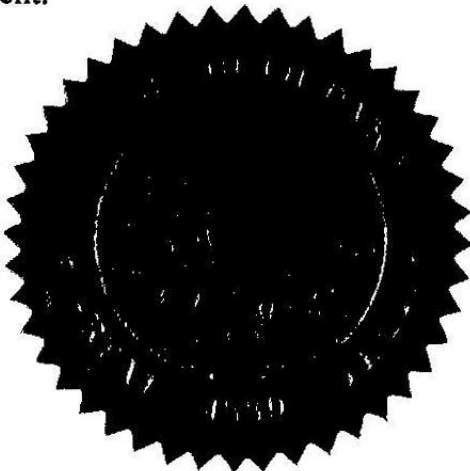
*Whereas*, Mary is retiring from The University of South Dakota's Department of Nursing, but she will remain a friend of the University and of Nursing following her retirement; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 23, 2012, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her family, friends, and colleagues in offering her best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State